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Weekly Health Report

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Occupied Germany:

Communicable Diseases: — Attached as Appendices "A", "B" and "C" are communicable disease reports of cases and death rates by Regierungsbezirk, case rates by Regierungsbezirk, and cases and deaths and case rates by Land respectively for the week ending 19 January 1946.

Venereal Disease: — Gonorrhea and syphilis had a sharp increase reported for the week ending 19 January 1946. Control methods of the German authorities are under constant supervision.

The Control program for venereal disease in Greater Hesse has been expanded to include refresher courses to physicians on the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease. A public informational program designed to encourage voluntary admissions for venereal disease examinations and treatment has been instituted. Provisions have been made whereby civil venereal disease control officers in Baden-Württemberg will accompany the Military Government Venereal Disease Control Officer on visits to the communities throughout the area.

A cable from the War Department received 5 February 1946 stated that sufficient penicillin will continue to be made available for treatment of gonorrhea in German civilians through 1 July 1946.

The incidence of Scabies among German civilians continues to show a sharp increase. A continuous effort is being made by Military Government to stimulate German authorities to recognize and provide early treatment for scabies.

The incidence of tuberculosis, typhoid and scarlet fever continues to show a decrease while there is a slight increase in the incidence of diphtheria.

No increase in influenza has been noted, although vigilance is being maintained for the early recognition and control of any outbreaks.

Nursing Affairs: — The executive secretary of the International Council of Nurses and the Chief Nurse of the British Army of the Rhine met with the three Land nurses to discuss nursing problems on 6 February.

Veterinary Affairs: — Disease reported in the U.S. Zone during the first two weeks of January included fowl pest (Hühnerpest), hog cholera, scabies and swine erysipelas.

Fowl pest has increased slightly during the last month. This is being controlled by the use of vaccine, quarantine, slaughter and disinfection. Adequate vaccine is now available and has been sent to the infected areas.

Scabies in horses, sheep and cattle has also been reported as increasing in incidence. It is being treated with sulfur. Gas chambers are constructed in areas where the disease is most prevalent and where the supply of sulfur is adequate for this type of treatment.

Hog cholera, which is decreasing in incidence, is confined to three Kreise in the Southwestern part of Bavaria.

Swine erysipelas which has been prevalent throughout Germany has shown a marked decrease in the U.S. Zone in the past several months. The failure to carry out the annual vaccination program during the spring months of last year is a big factor for the presence of this disease but the incidence of it did not reach the proportions anticipated.

The program for the eradication of glanders in the Wehrmacht horses in the U.S. Zone continues and will be carried out to completion. German laws provide for destruction of all positive reactors with compensation to the owner.

APPENDIX "A" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 19 January 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Death	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE														c: cases				d: deaths									
			Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Poliomyelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	Mumps
Greater Hessen	3,489,684	c	—	—	—	—	—	295	58	118	11	26	1	—	580	153	25	4	2	—	1	11	784	—	1	2	55	—	—	34
Baden Württemberg	2,979,897	c	2	—	—	—	238	46	91	9	17	1	1	1	171	44	34	7	3	—	—	*	146	—	—	1	1	1	*	*
Bavaria	8,258,476	c	5	—	—	—	338	73	132	10	96	4	3	3	657	175	89	3	3	—	—	—	1528	—	—	—	49	—	—	—
Bremen	460,019	c	—	—	—	—	81	4	13	2	—	—	—	1	129	23	10	—	1	—	—	—	139	—	—	—	45	—	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	c	5	—	—	—	105	20	73	7	*	*	1	1	233	72	46	1	23	—	—	*	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*

Rates Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Greater Hessen	3,489,684	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43.96	8.64	17.58	1.64	3.87	0.15	—	86.42	22.80	3.73	0.60	0.30	—	0.15	1.64	116.82	—	0.150	30.8	20	—	5.07
Baden Württemberg	2,979,897	0.35	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.65	8.05	15.93	1.58	2.98	0.180	0.18	29.93	7.70	5.95	1.23	0.53	—	—	*	25.55	—	—	0.180	180.18	*	*
Bavaria	8,258,476	0.32	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.29	4.60	8.31	0.63	6.05	0.250	0.19	41.39	11.03	5.61	0.19	0.19	—	—	—	96.26	—	—	—	3.09	—	—
Bremen	460,019	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	91.53	4.52	14.69	2.26	—	—	1.13	105.77	25.99	11.30	—	1.13	—	—	—	157.07	—	—	—	50.85	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	2.79	—	—	—	—	—	—	58.59	11.16	40.73	3.91	*	0.56	0.56	130.01	40.10	25.67	0.56	12.83	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*

* No data submitted

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 19 January 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever Louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	Mumps	
Kassel	1,090,205	—	—	—	—	—	—	45.79	8.59	21.47	2.86	3.82	—	84.43	28.14	3.34	0.48	—	—	0.48	*	140.24	—	—	—	*	*	*	
Wiesbaden	1,313,985	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.58	7.52	16.24	0.40	5.94	0.40	111.28	24.95	3.56	—	—	—	—	*	38.41	—	—	3.56	*	*		
Hessen	1,085,494	—	—	—	—	—	—	45.03	10.06	15.33	1.92	1.44	—	58.44	14.35	4.31	1.44	0.96	—	—	5.27	188.3	—	1.48	.96	22.03	—	16.29	
Württemberg	1,903,157	—	—	—	—	—	—	35.49	7.37	12.01	1.91	2.73	0.27	46.68	12.01	6.83	1.64	0.55	—	—	*	39.86	—	—	—	0.27	0.27	*	
Baden	1,076,740	0.97	—	—	—	—	—	52.16	9.18	22.70	0.97	3.38	—	0.48	*	4.35	0.48	0.48	—	—	*	*	—	0.48	*	*	*		
Schwaben	1,065,143	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.94	2.93	3.42	0.49	*	0.49	0.49	0.25	2.93	—	0.49	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*		
Oberbayern	2,056,301	0.51	—	—	—	—	—	29.05	6.83	12.40	1.27	18.72	.250	.51	43.26	11.64	2.78	—	—	—	—	24.54	—	—	6.07	—	—		
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	2,047,792	0.51	—	—	—	—	—	11.18	1.52	6.10	—	—	—	23.62	3.56	8.89	.25	—	—	—	—	264.67	—	—	—	—	—		
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,157,602	0.24	—	—	—	—	—	24.34	6.75	8.44	0.48	4.58	0.24	57.12	20.49	7.71	0.48	0.72	—	—	—	66.52	—	0.24	—	—	—		
Mainfranken	931,638	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.46	3.35	9.49	1.12	1.67	0.56	36.83	5.02	2.79	—	—	—	—	2.23	63.05	—	0.56	—	13.95	0.56	—	
Bremen	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	91.53	4.52	14.69	2.26	—	—	1.13	145.77	25.99	11.30	—	1.13	—	—	157.07	—	—	50.85	—	—		
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	2.79	—	—	—	—	—	58.59	11.16	40.73	3.91	*	0.56	0.56	130.01	40.18	25.67	0.56	12.83	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*		
TOTAL+	15,660,022	.40	—	—	—	—	—	32.21	6.50	13.66	1.22	4.59	0.230	17.58	6.1	15.41	6.57	0.50	1.09	—	0.03	0.50	85.70	—	0.10	0.07	4.92	0.07	—

* No data submitted.
+ Bremen included in report from British Zone - not included in totals on this report.

APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 19 Jan. 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																							c: cases	d: deaths		
			Typhus Fever louse-borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic			Malaria	Influenza
Kassel	1,090,205	c	—	—	—	—	—	96	18	45	6	8	—	177	59	7	1	—	—	—	1	*	294	—	—	—	*	*	*
Wiesbaden	1,313,985	p	—	—	—	—	—	105	19	41	1	15	1	281	63	9	—	—	—	—	—	*	97	—	—	9	*	*	*
Hessen	1,085,494	p	—	—	—	—	—	94	21	32	4	3	—	122	31	9	3	2	—	—	—	11	393	—	1	2	46	—	34
Württemberg	1,903,157	p	—	—	—	—	—	130	27	44	7	10	1	171	44	25	6	2	—	—	—	*	146	—	—	—	1	*	*
Baden	1,076,740	p	2	—	—	—	—	108	19	47	2	7	—	1	*	9	1	1	—	—	—	*	*	—	1	*	*	*	*
Schwaben	1,065,143	p	—	—	—	—	—	47	6	7	1	*	1	48	21	6	—	1	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*
Oberbayern	2,056,301	p	2	—	—	—	—	95	27	49	5	74	1	2	177	46	11	—	—	—	—	—	97	—	—	24	—	—	x
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	2,047,792	p	2	—	—	—	—	44	6	24	—	—	—	93	14	35	1	—	—	—	—	—	1042	—	—	—	—	—	x
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,157,602	p	1	—	—	—	—	101	28	35	2	19	1	—	273	85	32	2	3	—	—	—	276	—	1	—	—	—	—
Mainfranken	931,638	p	—	—	—	—	—	51	6	17	2	3	1	—	66	9	5	—	—	—	—	4	113	—	1	—	25	1	x
Bremen	°	p	—	—	—	—	—	81	4	13	2	—	—	1	129	23	10	—	—	—	—	—	139	—	—	45	—	—	x
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	p	5	—	—	—	—	105	20	73	7	*	1	1	233	72	46	1	23	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*
TOTAL	15,660,022°	p	12	—	—	—	—	976	197	417	37	139	7	5	1770	467	199	15	33	3	—	1	15	2597	—	3	150	2	34

* No data submitted.

x Delinquent reports, data received by telephone.

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